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12. Other Items	6354
13. Share of preparation debt amount due from Pakistan (approx.)	300
.....	202702
B. External Dept. (at book & value)	25239
Total (A+B)	227941

(Source : Annexure 6 to Receipts Budget 1989-90).

Effects of Import polity on Agricultural commodities

1025. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government have been requesting time and again for the review of the present import policy with regard to crash in prices of agricultural commodities/cash crops like coconut, pepper, rubber, spices etc and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remove the adverse effects of the preent policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the representations received from time to time including those from the Government of Kerala, certain spices viz. cloves and Cinnamon/Cassia, were shifted from the Open General Licence List and brought under Import Licensing w.e.f. the 29th Nov. 1988.

Financial Assistance to drought hit States

1026. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving a serious thought to review the quantum of financial assistance given to States, especially drought-hit State with particular reference to the Ninth Finance Commission's recommendation; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to extend maximum assistance to such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Extension of Insurance cover for marine products exports

1027. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE;
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: